Smuggling on Indo-Nepal Border

2960. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling on a large scale has been going on as reported in the Hindustan Times, on the 20th February, 1992, in the country from a remote Indo-Nepal border outpost called "Tinkonia" for the last two to three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the smuggling cases brought to Government's notice, so far; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to check this unauthorised trade/smuggling from across the Tinkonia border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Directorate of Revenue intelligence is investigating alleged large scale misuse of the Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate Scheme through the land Customs Station, Tinkonia, on the Indo-Nepal border by some firms as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th February, 1992. Further investigations are still in progress.

Income Tax and Excise dues from some big Industrial Houses

2961. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the amount of subsidies paid to the Industrial Houses of the country such as Birla's, Tata's, Singhania's, Ambani's, Poddar's, Naslivadia, Goenka's and Raunak Singh's and also the amount of Income Tax and Excise duty due from them; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Subsidies are given by the Government on the basis of certain socio-economic considerations. No specific subsidies are provided to big industrial houses.

The amount of Income-tax and Central Excise due from the industrial houses is as under:

(Arrears in Rs. in Crores)

Name	Income Tax	Central Excise
Birla	26.10	39.95
Tata	125.10	35.51
J.K. Singhania	32.25	15.19
Reliance	33.89	0.16
Nowrosjee Wadia	0.88	—*
Goenka	8.11	1.04
Raunaq Singh	NIL*	—*
Poddar	—*	6.23

*(Arrears of less than Rs. 10 lacs have not been taken into account)

Filling up of Vacancies in RBI Guwahati

2962. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that before the formation of Nair's Committee in 1991, necessary process to fill up some vacancies in the Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati was completed:

(b) if so, how many candidates were selected and how many posts are lying vacant till today; and

(c) what are the reasons for not filling up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) to (c). It is presumed that the question relates to vacancies in the Class-III common cadre of Clerks/Coin Note Examiners Grade-II. The recruitment precess in the above cadre was completed by the Reserve Bank of India in March, 1991, and a wait-list containing the names of 75 candidates was prepared by Guwahati office in May, 1991 to cover the existing and the anticipated vacancies over the next two years. In December, 1991, the Guwahati office of the bank has been authorised by the Central Office to fill up 10 vacancies in the above cadre.